

Senate Resolution 291

By: Senator Seabaugh of the 28th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and congratulating Linda Brem; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Ms. Brem was selected as Teacher of the Year at Fayette County High School,
3 named Fayette County's Teacher of the Year, and has been nominated as the 2002 Georgia
4 Teacher of the Year; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Brem is widely recognized throughout the state as the personification of
6 excellence in education; and

7 WHEREAS, this highly respected teacher serves with honor and distinction educating 11th
8 and 12th graders in English and Advanced Placement English classes at Fayette County High
9 School, where she also serves as the Language Arts Department chairperson; and

10 WHEREAS, her love of learning has been part of her heart and soul since childhood,
11 blooming further into formal education at the University of Wisconsin, where she earned her
12 undergraduate degree, and at the State University at West Georgia, where she earned her
13 Master's Degree and Education Specialist Degree. She is the first teacher in Fayette County
14 to achieve the prestigious distinction of being National Board Certified; and

15 WHEREAS, her talents and energy have been spent on a variety of projects over the years,
16 including helping to develop a pilot staff program in Fayette County entitled "Teacher
17 Conversations," bringing vertical team training to Fayette County, organizing and serving
18 as the first president of the Deer Glen Forest Homeowners Association, serving as a Girl
19 Scout leader and swim Coach for Fayette County High School, being selected by the
20 Olympic Committee to read original Olympic themed short stories, and volunteering at
21 LaFayette Nursing Home and with the Fayette County Chapter of the American Cancer
22 Society, including fundraising and walking in the Avon 3Day Breast Cancer Walk; and

1 WHEREAS, Ms. Brem's intellect, sensitivity, dependability, devotion, integrity, innovative
2 spirit, enthusiasm, and passion for teaching, as well as her selfless dedication and service to
3 her family, students, and community, cannot pass unrecognized; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Brem's greatest reward is the success of her students, recognizing what an
5 awesome responsibility helping to define young lives can be; and

6 WHEREAS, in the words of one of her former students, "at the same time that Ms. Brem is
7 critical, she is encouraging; just as she is demanding, she is understanding. Her compassion
8 for her students, indefatigable optimism, and ability to motivate are distinguishing traits that
9 further Ms. Brem's appeal to the diverse student body of Fayette County High School."

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
11 heartily and gratefully commend Ms. Linda Brem for her many years of sacrifice, foresight,
12 accomplishment, and contributions on behalf of education in Georgia and for the positive
13 influence she has had upon the lives and futures of countless young people, congratulate her
14 upon her selection as the Fayette County Teacher of the Year, and express their best wishes.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
16 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Linda Brem.